

December 11, 2006

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, Rueger, Curtis, and Cooper attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Comm. Epison; Attorney Higgins; Brian Mundy - Wessler; Tom Hogan - Johnson Controls; Ed Adams; Jerry Walden; Clarence Nelson; Larry Williams; Mary Ann Watson; Aaron Andrews; Mike Adkins; Diane Wilson - CAPE; Charles Quinn; Jerry King; Debbie Blackburn; Terry Burnworth - Pyramid; John Robb; Regis Palmer - A & R Environmental; Sherri Banks; Tiffani Eisenhut - Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Judy Whitten; Paula Rudibaugh; and Supt. Givens.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Rueger move the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles reminded the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Board should approach the podium and state their name and the nature of their business.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Cooper moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Judy Whitten arrived at the meeting.

Charles Quinn approached the podium and stated he is present to request a water adjustment. He has already had one this year and was told he needed to come to the meeting to request the second. He added he had put in a new \$600 line after the first leak and shortly thereafter he received a \$500 bill at which time he called the water works and asked them to check it. He continued by stating the water works thought the meter had been misread, but now his bill is \$816.00. He stated he then went to the water department and Mrs. Morrow told him he needed to come to the meeting. He added he watched the meter to see if there was a leak and it seemed the commode flap was faulty.

Paula Rudibaugh arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Quinn stated he bill is now down to 71 units since he replaced the flapper.

Board member Askren asked if that was the only repair made, the flapper ?

Mr. Quinn replied yes and added he has a receipt.

Board reviewed the receipt.

Board member Cooper asked that Comm. Gray check the average usage and adjust the bill.

Comm. Gray replied that would be no problem.

Board member Cooper moved Comm. Gray get the average bill and adjust Mr. Quinn's bill accordingly. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Quinn left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.

Supt. Gray reported, as many folks have noticed, the December bills were higher due to the two holidays in November, they ran a week behind and therefore, many bills had an extra week on them. He then asked if there was to be any discussion on the Johnson Controls contract ?

Board member Tucker stated he is concerned with the payments. He added he realizes JCI will guarantee their work, but he is concerned with the payments, are they monthly, annually, etc ?

Supt. Gray replied there will be an annual payment, and once the meters are installed and working, the city can always get out of the contract.

Board member Curtis agreed but added in that case, the guarantee would be null and void.

Sup. Gray agreed but added the worse case scenario would be the city would break even.

Board member Tucker asked if they can skip one or two years ?

Attorney Higgins replied no, the guarantee would be then be void.

Board member Cooper stated after the first three years, then the city could skip out.

Attorney Higgins agreed and added the city could pay the three years in advance, have some tests run and find that everything is working properly and then not renew the contract, after the first three years are up.

Board member Tucker inquired about the new meters that are going to be installed, he understands they can be read from the street and wondered if the weather would cause any problems with that ?

Supt. Gray replied no, they are self enclosed with a glass lens.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Supt. Gray added they are totally water proof.

Mayor Knowles added she has a sample in her office.

Board member Tucker stated some meters are quite some distance off the road, will this be a problem ?

Supt. Gray replied that will not be a problem. He added the new system will enable the meter readers to read the entire town in six to eight hours, it is a very good system.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Cooper stated there is nothing on the Agenda about Johnson Control, are they making another presentation ?

Attorney Higgins replied the Board gave preliminary approval for the contract at the last meeting, and the Mayor was to sign subject to some revisions.

Board member Curtis questioned rate escalations from the contract, listed on page 17.

Attorney Higgins replied that refers to the city not individual customers.

Board consented to go forward with the contract.

Mayor Knowles asked that Attorney Higgins forward the signed contract to her once it is in final form.

Attorney Higgins agreed that once she receives it, she will.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Supt. Gray stated he wanted to clear something up. According to the paper, a family of four would not see an increase in their bill once JCI is implemented, but they will actually see a

slight increase. He added that those on fixed incomes and those with minimum bills will not see an increase.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Financial Report was available ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied she has seen nothing.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is Regis Palmer with a request to tie into a water line for the Walnut Grove Trailer Park.

Mr. Palmer stated he represents A & R Environmental and they may be dealing with a possible arsenic problem at the trailer park. He stated due to that they are applying for a grant that will pay for one 2" meter, but he wanted to see how the city felt about the tap before they proceed. He added IDEM has given tentative approval.

Supt. Gray stated this area has no supply issues and if they tie into Lamont Road there is also no issue there. He added there is plenty of water in that area. He then stated they would probably be adding around 60 customers, an 8" main and a 2" meter will be fine.

Board member Cooper asked if there will only be one bill ?

Supt. Gray replied yes.

Mayor Knowles added they will then be divided out. She then asked if \$100,000 will cover all of the costs of the 8" main and the 2" meter ?

Mr. Palmer replied yes, the actual cost should be around \$85,000, they need to get potable water to that community.

Board member Cooper questioned the 8" line, would that be large enough ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, it would be adequate and also allow for future development in the area.

Board member Rueger moved they approve the tap, if the grant will pay for all of the work, and pending the completion of all paperwork. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Palmer then left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated next on the Agenda is Mike Adkins with a request for a water tap at 1001 E. 4th Street.

Mr. Adkins stated he currently owns the coin laundry at Southwind Plaza and his lease is up so he bought the old Linen Cupboard property for a coin laundry and a dry clean drop off for Clayton's. He stated he currently uses a 2" line and he will basically need the same service at the new location.

Supt. Gray stated there is plenty of water along 4th Street.

Attorney Higgins stated there will be a tap fee but there will not to be a separate agreement since this is located within the city limits. She added he should work out the tap fee with the water department.

Board agreed to the tap.

Mayor Knowles stated next on the Agenda is discussion on the GIS Analyst position. She added Mr. Andrews is back to rein form what he does on a daily basis. She added they also have a job description and his resume before them as they had requested at the last meeting.

Mr. Andrews approached the Board and made a slide presentation on the mapping he has done for the city since March and explained a little more about what he does on a daily basis and what he sees as happening in the future.

Mr. Adkins left the meeting.

Board member Curtis stated the question he has is will there be enough work for him in the next six to twelve months, and what specific target will he be working on, is there a game plan ?

Mayor Knowles replied IDEM's requirements are urgent, they want specific information from the city on CSO's such as line length, type, size., etc.

Mr. Andrews added the city is divided into 16 zones by lift station, he has worked on that and the IDEM requirements, conditions of the manholes, etc. He then continued with his slide show presentation.

Brian Mundy of Wessler approached and stated his firm has been working with Mayor Knowles on the sewer project and once the city entered a contract with Wessler, Wessler knew Mr. Andrews was available to provide the field work required for the mapping. He added Mr. Andrews can do the work much more cheaply that Wessler could. He added they need to know the location of line, their capacity; manholes need inspected as well. Mr. Andrews he continued, is now trained to know what to look for and therefore the city does not need to pay an outside firm to get this done. He added getting elevations to survey grade and using that data for preliminary engineering designs is very valuable. He added

smoke testing is also being done and Mr. Andrews is aware of this procedure, which is also a very valuable asset. He reminded the Board the city is under an agreed order from IDEM due to SSO's and with Mr. Andrews trained and on staff could be very valuable to the city. He added Mr. Andrews is a bright guy and actually does more than a GIS Analyst should.

Mayor Knowles added he is also saving the city major money.

Mr. Mundy added that Mr. Andrews has assisted them with over 305 hours of work and had Wessler done all of that work themselves, the city would be looking at a bill of around \$15,000 for two projects.

Board member Cooper stated he just received his job description and resume today before the meeting, and he would like to take it home and go through it.

Mayor Knowles stated she would have been happy to have sent the information to them ahead of time, she added she was trying to save the postage.

Board member Curtis added as a general rule, he would like to get such information ahead of time.

Mayor Knowles added she could have mailed it to them.

Board member Tucker stated Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe is good about getting them minutes and agendas out ahead of time, maybe she could get things like this to the Clerk-Treasurer to go out in her mailings.

Mayor Knowles asked if that gives them enough time ?

Board agreed that it did.

Board member Curtis added he would like to have the weekend to review such matters.

Board member Tucker questioned the wage being paid from water and sewer, does Mr. Andrews not also do work for the street department ?

Mayor Knowles replied yes, but mainly for water and sewer, though it can be done however the Board wishes.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it just gets to be somewhat of a nightmare, especially with the benefits, one pay he is paid from water, the next sewer, the next street, and once a month, some department has to pay the city share of health insurance.

Comm. Epison approached the podium and stated he does a sign inspection twice a year and he actually uses a small GIS sort of mapping when he does that. He stated he then gives the information to Mr. Andrews and he can have 100 signs entered onto the mapping in ten minutes. He added he has minimal work for Mr. Andrews, plus he also has a budget and this

position was not budgeted for in his budget. He added he would like to be able to stick to his budget, unlike water and sewer who operate off of revenues, he has a budget to stick to.

Board member Curtis stated he would like to know what percentage of work he does for each department.

Comm. Epison agreed Mr. Andrews' work is a benefit to him.....

Mayor Knowles stated it would be hard to find a percent.

Board member Curtis asked for a best estimate.

Mayor Knowles that would be divided into thirds.

Mr. Jerry Walden approached the podium and stated he saw Mr. Andrews presentation at the Kiwanis meeting and he is concerned about Mr. Vernon in general. He added things do change and not all changes are for the best, but there needs to be planning, especially concerning the water and sewer departments and improvements to the city. Mr. Andrews duties are necessary to meet IDEM requirements and also to help coordinate other city activities. He added they are off to a really super good start, the Board should see the benefit here would be super for the community.

Supt. Givens questioned the benefits. He suggested that the street department pay the health insurance benefit and the water and sewer pay the salary.

Board member Rueger stated the main issue he has is down the road would this still be a full time position. He added he believes everyone around the table is all for the work being done.

Mayor Knowles stated work like this is never caught up.

Board member Rueger wondered if there would still be the work though five years down the road. He wondered if the city could have Mr. Andrews on a yearly contractual basis ?

Mayor Knowles replied then he would not be a city employee.

Attorney Higgins agreed and added he could be taken on as an individual contractor, of they could continue down this path and make the appropriations necessary, there are several different ways to approach this. Possibly, she added, even reimbursements from the city or the utilities.

Board member Rueger stated he would not be provided with the same benefits as other city employees if he was a contractor.

Attorney Higgins agreed and added health insurance would not be offered to contractors.

Board member Curtis stated the Board needs to take action at their next meeting, this can not go on forever. He added he may need to think more about a 50/50 split.

Mayor Knowles stated the next meeting is scheduled for December 25, when would they like to hold the next meeting ?

Board agreed on December 26.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

John Robb approached the podium and stated he also saw the presentation at Kiwanis and stated it is far too expensive to let Mr. Andrews get away.

Mr. Mundy approached the podium and stated the GIS is an on-going process, it is a clearing house of data.

Debbie Blackburn approached the podium and stated she does not want Mt. Vernon to be like Evansville where once the streets are paved and look all nice, they are then dug up and changed somehow. She added they need to communicate and when streets look nice, people stay in Mt. Vernon to shop. She added mapping will help Mt Vernon grow, as she is opening a business here, she hopes Mr. Andrews does still have a job in five years.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

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There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Rueger moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor Knowles reminded the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Council should approach the podium and state their name and the nature of their business.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Comm. Epison reminded the public that trash normally picked up on December 25 will be picked up Tuesday, December 26, and as of today, they are only picking up leaves on an as-needed call-in basis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Chief Belloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Tucker stated he has no report.

Acting Fire Chief Reese was not present.

Sewer Chairman Rueger stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated they have the Financial Report for November before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Supt. Givens stated he would like to report on the leak at Mill Creek Lift Station. He added his department was going to try to fix it themselves, and Comm. Epison did loan them his backhoe operator. He stated there was a crack in the main sewer line and though his guys are still learning everything worked out good. He added they had it fixed within six hours and the hole will be filled in tomorrow.

Mayor Knowles added that is great.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item on the Agenda is a public hearing for the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the General, Park & Recreation and CCIF Funds.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied this should not have passed at the last meeting, as notice was given for the public hearing tonight.

Mayor Knowles opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wished to address the additional appropriations ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles then closed the public hearing.

Councilman Rueger moved the ordinance pass final reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles then requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - yes;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 06-35.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is the ordinance dealing with Mr. Andrews position, which they will table until the next meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is a Resolution to Transfer in the General Fund.

She then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Councilman Rueger moved Resolution be passed. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - yes;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasure Wolfe added it will be numbered 06-36.

Mayor Knowles stated next on the Agenda is Diane Wilson with CAPE.

Ms. Wilson approached the Council and presented the following information:

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Mayor Knowles stated the residents of the homes will also be offered financial training.

Ms. Wilson added residents have 10 months to complete the home and they are provided with on the job training. She then stated all homes are finished at about the same time, with the families committed to spending 30-35 hours per week working on their home. She stated they are now to the point where they need applicants who are eligible. She added Mayor Knowles has been great working with CAPE and having a desire to this building project to start here in Posey County. She concluded by stating hopefully they can begin building in the Spring.

Mayor Knowles stated there any empty lots around town and after the homes are built, the city can then begin to receive the tax revenue.

Ms. Wilson added there will \$0 down payment, \$135,000 homes, three bedrooms, two baths, etc. She added they need applicants as soon as possible.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Terry Burnworth approached the podium and stated he was here about a year ago with a proposal for a new police and fire station, and to look at their current facilities and make evaluations. He then gave Council the following:

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He then thanked the Council for their time.

Mayor Knowles stated she believes Clarence Nelson wishes to address the Council.

Mr. Nelson approached the podium and stated he is here not as a member of the Economic Development Commission, rather a concerned citizen. He stated he came to a meeting about

a year ago concerning the light at 4th and Walnut. He added he realizes it was put in years ago, but for what purpose. He added there are two left turn signals at the lights at 4th and Main and as a result, traffic backs up. He is proposing Walnut be made one-way going south and that would eliminate the need to the stop light. He also stated they could do away with the light entirely, the way the traffic flow is now, for four or five months to see if the light is really needed and then make a decision on the true need for it. He added another suggestion would be a four-way stop at 3rd and Walnut. He added this could also help with the downtown revitalization.

Councilman Rueger stated he has wanted to get rid of that light for a long time, but the state would have to take care of that.

Mayor Knowles stated she would be happy to send INDOT a letter about the light, if that is what the Council desires.

Councilman Rueger replied he is for getting rid of it.

Councilman Cooper agreed it causes more problems that it eliminates. He then asked why make Walnut one-way going south ?

Mr. Nelson replied that way the cars could go in either direction from that point.

Mayor Knowles added the city was going to do a traffic count there anyway.

Councilman Curtis agreed to have the light removed.

Councilwoman Askren and Councilman Tucker also agreed.

Council consented to move forward.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilman Tucker questioned the street light that is still out at 5th and Byrd. He stated the one at Sherman is fixed, but 5th and Byrd is still out.

Mayor Knowles stated she had lost his note on the location, and when Vectren called, she could not recall which light it was that was out. She added she believed that had already been fixed and then had thrown the note away. She stated she will call Vectren back and get that taken care.

Councilman Tucker added the Southwind Port sign they talked about at the last meeting has already been corrected.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilman Cooper questioned how the new Christmas decorations were working out ?

Mayor Knowles replied they are easy to put up and they have been working with Vectren to get the last batch burning. She added she has made a call to them and they are willing to work with the city, but it seems they keep blowing out transformers converting the current from 220 to 110. She added next year the city may need to run a 110 line though that will involve time and expense.

Mayor Knowles stated she received a letter from the Area Plan Commission asking for the Council's appointment.

Councilman Curtis volunteered.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Tucker stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Rueger stated he has a letter from his mother, a teacher, who is promoting community service work. He added the card created by the students is to the Mayor and the Council commending them on the street signs and the Christmas decorations.

Mayor Knowles replied to please let Mrs. Rueger know how much she appreciated the card.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilman-at-Large Cooper stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Rueger moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:
